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FROM JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ESQ.

ALEXANDRIA 14th Sepr. 1758

MY DEAR COLO./

I snatch a moment before I take horse, to tell you the pleasure I have received by intercepting Your very kind favour of the 11th. directed for Kirkcudbright — and return you my hearty thanks for the trouble you have taken in favouring me wt a Detail of Your Situation, and Circumstances, for attempting Du Quesne — it is a further proof of the friendship I possess, — which yields me unequall'd pleasure — and I have only to Conjure a Continuance of that agreeable correspondence, to confirm it, in my absence from this Country —

I am touch'd with sincere grief to leave You and a few Friends, whose Intimacy & Friendship have attach'd me with ties of the warmest Affection — And nothing would make it tollerable, without the hopes of Returning, and the pleasure of hearing of my Friends happiness when Absent — persist then Dear Sir, in kind Offices of Communication, by all opportunities — for nothing will afford me more real Delight — or confer greater Honour —

My Departure will interupt that immediate intelligence, I have hitherto had — of the progress in the Campaign — but, I have this satisfaction in return, that My Authority will be

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more Authentick — and give better satisfaction in Matters of Importance when they Occurr

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I am concern'd at the Uneasiness this Summers Expedition has given you — whose Attentions were impartially, and prudently attach'd for the Common Good — in every circumstance you have engaged in — and Now have only My wishes that Heaven may may turn your troubles, to an Honourable & Happy issue — which in the highest Degree, is the just reward for your Zeal & Merit —

Health & Happiness attend you, & a peculiar protection from all Dangers that Life in every circumstance is Subject to — are the fervent & Unfeigned prayers of Your Most Obliged & Obedt. Hume. Servt.

JNO. KIRKPATRICK